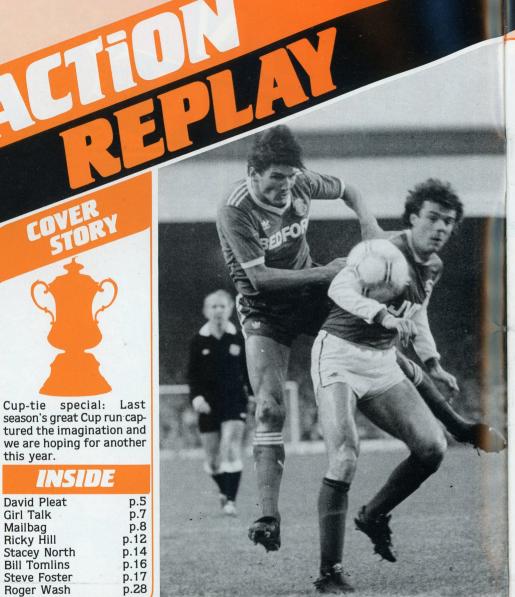


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#### 100 Years On

A Cup-tie has a special flavour, particularly when one considers today's winners are, in essence, only two wins from Wembley. The previous two games with Arsenal, at Luton, have been rewarding for the spectators—a 2-2 draw in August and a 3-1 Luton win last March. We warmly welcome the fans, players and staff of Arsenal and sincerely hope the game represents everything that is good about football.

It is in games such as today's that players who are ambitious for representation at international level are able to stake their claims. It is a challenge which I hope we will rise to individually and collectively. We have candidates—the ball is in their court. Barring injury, Mal Donaghy will most certainly be our man in Mexico. Mal's resolute defending, particularly in Roumania, Turkey and at Wembley commanded hardly a column inch. It is to Mal's credit that the press takes his reliability for granted. His 10 year "stretch" at Luton is rapidly approaching, as is Brian Stein's. They will be rewarded by our Club for their loyalty just as we are honouring Ricky Hill this season.

#### Backbones of progress

Brian, Ricky and Mal, all started thier professional careers at Luton and were introduced into a moderate Second Division Club, All three have been backbones of our progress and risen to international level. I trust all our regular supporters show appreciation of their effort by supporting testimonial events generously.

The progress of our club has been noted abroad. During the last fortnight, I have reluc-

tantly turned down requests to take the team to Guernsey, Nigeria, and to play Partisan Belgrade and IFK Gottenburg at Luton. We have tentatively agreed to return to Sweden for our 1986-87 pre-season when we will play five games. Our youth team have two exciting trips ahead to Feyenoord and Blauw Wit for two top Dutch tournament in May.

In my last programme notes, the printers left off my last couple of paragraphs-I'm told this is common in Fleet Street! I had written of the last eight years and guidance of David Evans, we are seeking a better future. We are aiming for excellence and demanding our efforts on and off the field are rewarded at the turnstiles. We would like you to be part

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WHEN people talk about favourite football grounds, Wembley, Old Trafford and Anfield often spring to mind. My top three are Villa Park, Highbury and Brisbane Road, Brisbane Road? That's Orient's ground. And what's so special about these three that put them in that exalted position? It's their ladies' loos.

There are some at Aston Villa's ground that are completely tiled and scrupulously clean. If you're female, at the away supporters' end of Orient's ground, you might have problems as the only ladies' available is under the main stand, a long walk from the terrace. But it's worth it when you get there. Not only is it cleanly tiled and has washing facilities, but, when I last visited, there was a heater, too! I wonder if that was something to do with their club secretary being a woman?

And the most inconvenient? My vote goes to Southampton where, last season, someone had to get out by climbing over the door, and Chelsea, which were not only filthy, but poorly lit: even Watford's Portakabin was better.

#### Clean and roomy

I mentioned Arsenal's as being in my top three. Those at the visitors' end are clean and roomy and soap and towels were provided. On the cold, wet, windy day a couple of weeks ago when we played there they were warm, too, in comparison with the terraces above. At least the lad who joined us inside in the queue thought so-or so he shouted to his mates.

That was about all there was to shout about that afternoon. Even the chant of "Who's the Gunner in the black?" although appropriate, was half-hearted. Why is it so hard for us to shine on the grounds of the "big" clubs? We won at White Hart Lane and Upton Park this season so we know we can take scalps.

Gale Waller

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#### Thank-you

I would like to thank the club on behalf of Wayne and his family for your kind gesture in supporting the Charity game at Tring last Sunday, it was greatly appreciated.

On a personal note I add further thanks as obviously without people such as your manager, my task in organising such an event would have been impossible.

Doug Parkin, Tring Town FC

#### Rovers' congratulations

Dear Sir.

I watched the FA Cup match between your team and Bristol Rovers (I am a Rovers supporter) and felt I had to write to tell you how impressed I was by your team's performance. Admittedly we didn't play as well as we can, but that doesn't detract from the way your team played. I also think that the artificial pitch was good and wish other club's would follow.

May I also say how well your fans reacted at the end of the match when they applauded the Rovers players off the pitch, a very nice gesture indeed. We had a thoroughly good day out and wish your club all success in the following round, because if they play as well as they did on Saturday it will take a good team to deprive them of a trip to Wembley. M. P. Organ

#### vpb vlsvol A

Dear Sir.

I am writing to thank the Town for the lovely day I had when I was everything what with your club a mascot for the Luton v. Coven- about is. try match last Saturday. I had a really nice time and enjoyed for club MZKS Polonia Pixa. meeting the players. I always wear

Steve Foster, Emeka Nwajiobi and of the club. Ricky Hill.

All the best. Kylie Williams. Dunstable.

#### Great friendship

As your next great venture approaches I want to extend many thanks to your organisation and friendship which made our visit to Luton so memorable. I am convincball back on its feet after a disastrous series of events in the last 12 months. I hope to see you on the return visit, April 19th,

Best wishes. Keith Newbold. Coventry

#### Signed ball

I am writing on behalf of myself and our local group to say thank you for presenting us with an autographed football. I am sure G. A. Evans. this will provide us with a very Whitwell, worksop, Notts. welcome addition to funds for helping research and local sufferers and their families. Please pass on our thanks to the members of the board, the manager and the players. Joan White,

Parkinson's Disease Society London

#### Polish fan

Dear Sir.

I'm a fan of Luton Town FC, I'm very interesting in English football and of course I think your team is one of the best in world. Your team is my favourite, I'm very interesting in history and in

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> Kind regards Joachim Urbanczyk, 44-110 Gliwice 10 Jagodowa 3, Poland.

#### A famous birthplace

Dear Sir,

Reading through your excellent "All Our Yesterdays" feature in the Bristol Rovers Cup-tie proed this is the only way to put foot- gramme, I was informed of an interesting fact that I was not previously aware of. That is that the legendary Joe Payne was originally from north-east Derbyshire-where I, an exiled "Hatter", now live. In fact, Bolsover, Joe Payne's birthplace, is only six miles from where I reside. I have done since 1972. The village I live in. Whitwell is famous for the birthplace of "Mr. Snooker" the late, great Joe Davis. It seems that famous people are all around and doubt if there will be more famous men than the "Town" players when they see off Arsenal in the fifth round of the FA Cup!

#### Thank you

Dear Sir.

Thank you for arranging for us to visit Luton Football Club we all had a good time and enjoyed meeting all the players. We also enjoyed going on the new pitch.

Mr. Moore told us a lot of things about Luton. Yours faithfull. Blenhiem Cubs

#### Parlez-vous Luton?

Editor: We were overwhelmed by the response to our translation poser in the West Ham programme. The first correct winning entry pulled out of our office bag in the New Year was from Mr. C. C. Langford of 108 Richmond Way, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. Please contact the club to claim your winner's prize. Thank you for all the



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#### **Luton News**



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#### HATTERS ON FORM

Luton Town 4 Bristol Rovers 0
Rovers manager Bobby Gould tipped the Town to go all the way to Wembley after the in-form Hatters had swept Bristol Rovers aside in their fourth round tie here on January 25. "Luton could go all the way." said Gould. "They were so skilful and composed they never gave us a chance."

Mick Harford returned from a 17-day break for knee surgery to head his 15th goal of the season and from then on it was always going to be Luton's day even though Rovers made a spirited effort in the second half.

#### Dancing Hill

Ricky Hill danced through for a well-taken second goal and further efforts from Marc North, with a thunderous 25-yard shot, and a Brian Stein cross, turned into his own net by Tim Parkin, ensured the Town of a first-ever Cup win over Rovers in four attempts.

"I went into the dressing room to congratulate Luton on an outstanding performance," said Gould, whose in-form striker Steve White—the former Town favourite—added: "We had a plan, but Luton played so well, we never had a chance of putting it into action."

Luton: Sealey, Breacker, Thomas, Nicholas, Foster, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, Harford, North, Preece. Sub: King.

Bristol Rovers: Green, Scales, Penrice, Stevenson, Parkin, Spring, Francis, Tanner, Morgan, White, O'Connor.

Ref: J. Moules (Ongar). Goals: Harford (22 mins), Hill (28), North (63), Parkin og (82).







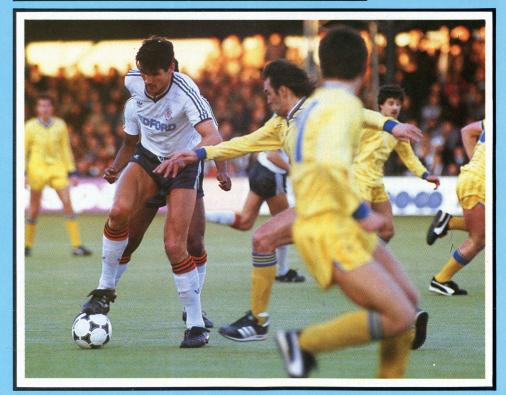
## **ACTION REPLAY** from

Kenilworth Road



Dancing through: Ricky Hill (left) split the Rovers' defence to put us 2—0 up a fortnight ago when Mick Harford (below) returned from a knee operation to open the scoring.

(Photos: Gareth Owen)





# VIEWS

# from the bench

Midfielder Ricky Hill, whose 10-year career at Kenilworth Road has been recognised with a testimonial year, recovered his place in the England team after a three-year absence when he appeared in the friendly international against Egypt last month. Today he takes us on a behind the scenes guide to his trip to Cairo where he won his third full international cap when he came on as a second-half substitute.

#### Hopes fulfilled

"I didn't know I was in the squad until Sunday afternoon before the match when the manager David Pleat rang me at home in London. I was working on my new house. I had been hoping I might just get called up during the week when I read about all the absentees and so on because of the Cup replays and injuries. It was really nice to be one of the four players Mr. Robson called in and, of course, I was absolutely delighted.

"Now I feel I have re-opened the door to a place in the squad. In his general team talks while we were away, Mr. Robson said it was up to the late selections and players making their first appearances in the squad to give him problems by playing well between now and the end of the season. But there is tremendous competition for midfield places.

"After getting the news I joined up with the squad at their Luton hotel and we flew out the next morning from Luton airport. It was a four hours and 40 minutes' flight. Cairo was two hours ahead of us in time. We heard the FA Cup draw after take-off so, with us meeting Arsenal, it produced quite a few

jokes between me and the Gunners players.

"It was my first time in Cairo and we arrived in the evening. It was already getting dark, but it felt warm when we left the plane for a 45-minute drive to the hotel, a really nice Sheraton. I sat with Terry Fenwick and Dave Watson on the journey.

"We were told not to drink tap water or eat sweet meats, never to buy drinks and never to drink ice. We even brushed our teeth in mineral water from bottles. The doctor gave us two tablets to take.

"On Tuesday we visited the Sphynx in the morning then had lunch and then went training in the afternoon. It took is one and a half hours to get there because of the traffic. It was a big stadium—but hardly a quarter-full for the match. The pitch was dry—they only get one inch of rain per year—and bumpy, but better than I had expected really. The next day we played the match.

#### World-class save

"As you know, I came on towards the end and was unlucky not to score with a header. Their keeper made a world-class save. The manager had asked me to keep the midfield going, to run up and down and provide a new pair of legs.

"There was a tremendous atmosphere in the squad. Everyone seemed very happy and friendly and I was pleased to be part of it again. I last played against West Germany in 1982, but I had been in squads after that against Greece, Luxembourg, Hungary and Wales. Now I've got back in, I hope to again with a few of our lads."



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# TOPUATTER



Born in Luton on November 25th, 1964, Stacey has made a remarkable recovery from a rare injury, a dislocated hip, last season to regain full fitness and make a first team return. His appearance at Ipswich was full reward for his courage. A tall and powerful central defender with a long throw-in, Stacey made his first team debut at West Bromwich in 1984. A former Luton boys' captain and youth international, he is now back to top form and fitness.

#### **DINING OUT**

Nothing gives Stacey North and his wife Carol as much pleasure as an evening out to enjoy a good meal. Indeed, Stacey—who admits he puts on weight quickly—often lives to regret his hearty appetite owing to the jokes in the dressing room when food is mentioned. "I get a bit of stick from some of the lads," he said, "but food is one of my pleasures in life and I do enjoy it."

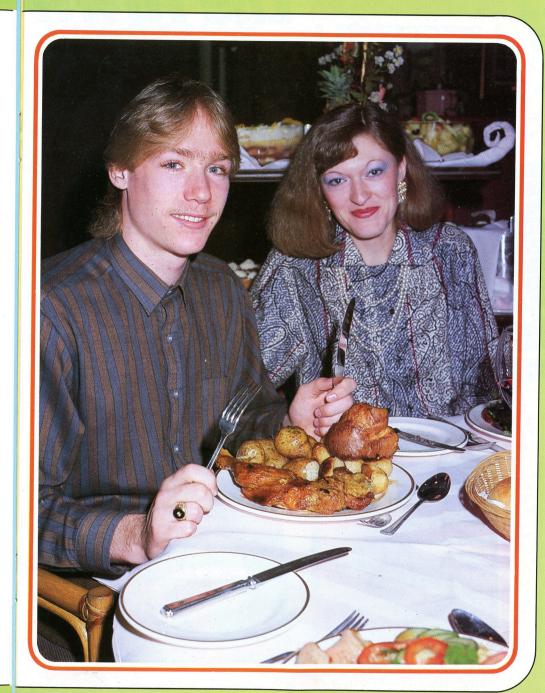
In common with several other Town players, Stacey particularly enjoys eating out at the Chiltern Hotel where, he said, the service is good and food excellent. But he remembers ruefully the good food in hospital too where he recovered from his injury with a menu advertising French cuisine and wines at the bottom of his bed. "I was up to 14 stone," he said, "by the time I came back."

#### Team mascot

Today, Stacey is half-hoping the reserves' trip to Swansea is off, so he can be at Kenilworth Road to see his daughter Naomi run out as the team mascot. He often collects her from school during the week when he is first home and then starts preparing the evening meal in the kitchen. "Nothing special—I'm strictly one only for cutting the carrots or peeling potatoes."

Stacey's injury has given him time to reflect. He said: "I know how lucky I am to be able to come back and play. The Ipswich match was a great thing for me. It proved I could get back and do it. A lot of other players have tried to come back from injury and found it much more difficult.

"Of course, I've got my wife to thank for that. She always encouraged me and never allowed me to dwell on the injury or anything. She was a great support to me and I owe her and all the club staff a lot."



#### Bill Tomlins, Commercial Director



No happy return: Steve White was not able to celebrate a win when he returned to Kenilworth Road with Bristol Rovers in the last round. Hard Luck, Steve!

# the TOWN

#### TOMORROW'S THE NIGHT FOR OUR TV SHOWING!

by Bill Tomlins

First, an apology to all the fans purely commercial reasons who have become inundated with economic and industrial news as they wait to see our been tremendous and we have appearance on the BBC's been flooded with letters. Money Programme. It was due to be broadcast on BBC 2 on date has been the advance January 26th and again last sales of the proposed ex-Sunday.

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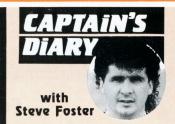
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#### ENJOYABLE DOUBLE

It was nice to win at Southampton last week and prove that we are capable of playing badly and taking the points—always the sign of a good side, I believe! After getting little reward for good performances elsewhere, it was very satisfying.

The win has given Les Sealey a spring in his step this week. In training on Tuesdsay he was jumping everywhere and shouting—who is this Shilton, anyway? His-Les's-penalty save was vital, of course.

#### CONGRATULTIONS

Congratulations to Ricky Hill from everyone in the dressing room on winning his place in the re-organised England squad which flew to Egypt last month. Ricky has been consistently good and deserves it.

Since he left for Aldershot on a month's loan—he scored on his debut—we have all been missing Mark Stein. We expect him to leave a few Third Division defenders on their backsides. I'm told the manager had to show Mark a map to prove Aldershot was in England!

Finally, it was nice to see Brian Horton, the Hull manager now, at our reserves' win over West Ham at Kenilworth Road. Maybe he is trying to pinch another Frankie Bunn!

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#### Facing my old clubs

Back on the Wembley trail again. Here we are with another home draw in the FA Cup against a club that I used to play for, Arsenal. I made 82 first team appearances for the Gunners before moving on to Crystal Palace, the team we beat in the Third Round. It is a coincidence that we are playing the teams in which I once played, isn't it?

Arsenal beat us in the league at Highbury two weeks ago in a hardfought game in which I thought we should have shared the points. In today's match we hope they will find it a lot harder on our pitch at Kenilworth Road.

At the start of the season, we drew 2-2 with Arsenal at home. So it shows how evenly-balanced today's game will be. Now that Arsenal have been knocked out of the Milk Cup they will be more determined to beat us today. Have a good day and enjoy the game. Keep cheering.



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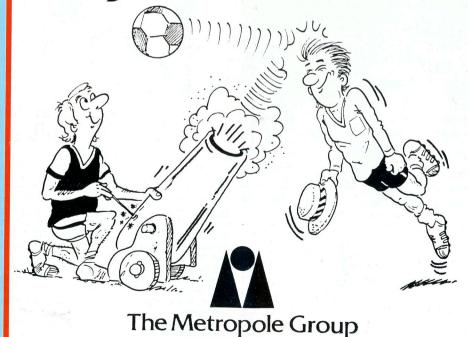
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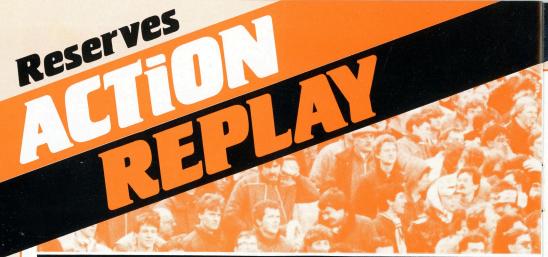
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#### WEST HAM BEATEN IN THRILLER

Luton Town Reserves 3 West Ham Reserves 0 The reserves avenged a 3—0 defeat at Upton Park last September when they beat West Ham 3—0 late last month. After gaining the upper hand, we

# IN THE AIR

High challenge: Mike Newell and West Ham's

Paul Hilton challenge for a high ball.

# ON THE GROUND

 Quick footwork: Mike Newell breaks through on the ground against West Ham.

took the lead in the 19th minute when Ray Daniel squared a ball across the goal for Andy King to stroke in his first goal since returning to the club. A few minutes later, Mike Newell cracked in a fine left-foot shot to make it 2—0. West Ham came back but the bar and Andy Dibble's saves kept them out. The second half was evenly-fought and minutes from the end Rob Johnson pushed up in support of an attack and scored with a deflected shot from outside the box.

Luton: Dibble, Johnson R., Harvey, Scott, North S., Parker, Oldfield, Stein M., Newell, Daniel, King. West Ham: Vaughan, Spiers, Crumpton, Keen, Hilton, Potts, Parr, McMenemy, Campbell, Whitton, Ince.

Latest result—Luton Town 2 (King, Black) Bristol Rovers 2.

#### 4 Watford . . . . . . . 25 15 5 Norwich . . . . . . . 28 14 6 Tottenham . . . . . . 25 15 7 QPR ..... 25 14 8 Luton . . . . . . . . 26 13 9 Ipswich . . . . . . . . 26 13 10 Oxford Utd . . . . . . 28 12 5 11 60 45 29 11 Millwall . . . . . . . . 23 11 12 C. Palace . . . . . . . 26 9 5 12 41 60 23 13 Bristol R. . . . . . . . 22 9 4 9 42 46 22 14 Birmingham . . . . . 26 9 4 13 35 59 22 15 Southampton . . . . 24 7 7 10 43 56 21 16 Charlton . . . . . . . 24 9 2 13 44 54 20 17 Brighton . . . . . . . 26 6 18 Portsmouth . . . . . 24 6 4 14 27 39 14 19 Fulham . . . . . . . . 24 6 2 16 33 63 14 20 Reading ..... 23 5 4 14 26 66 14 21 Swindon . . . . . . . 23 3 4 16 37 74 10 22 Swansea . . . . . . . . 22 2 0 20 16 82 4 (up to and including Wed. Feb 12th)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

1 Arsenal . . . . . . . . . 26 19

2 Chelsea . . . . . . . . 27 19

3 West Ham . . . . . . 25 18

PWDLFAPts

5 2 90 20 43

6 83 22 40

APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS									
App	Gls	App	Gls						
Sealey5		Tuite8							
Johnson R 20	1	Berry 1							
Harvey 9		Scott6							
McEvoy20	3	Farrell2							
Elliott 12	1	Black10	2						
Johnson M 11		Lewis 2							
Cobb21	2	Daniel 17	4						
Stein M 21	3	Parker 20	3						
Oldfield 24	5	Ferguson 1	122						
Grimes 22	2	North S 16	- 19						
Dibble 20		Farrell1							
Tighe 1		King 4	2						
North M 15	7	Newell 2	2						
Preece1		Scott2							

#### FOOTBALL COMBINATION

A	Oct	2	Oxford United	1-1
Α	Oct	9	Brighton & HA	2-0
Н	Oct	12	Queens Park Rangers	1—1 2—3 2—2
Н	Oct	15	lpswich Town	2_3
A	Oct	19	Southampton	2 2
				2-2
Н	Oct	26	Swansea Town	2-0
Α	Oct	31	Swindon Town	5-1
Н	Nov	6	Norwich City	1-0
Н	Nov	9	Crystal Palace	0-2
Α	Nov	16	Watford	4-1
Н	Nov	23	Fulham	4—1 1—0
Α	Nov	26	Chelsea	0-2
Α	Nov		Tottenham Hotspur	0-3
	Dec	14	Arsenal	0-2
H A A		21	Bristol Rovers	
A	Dec			1-1
	Jan	4	Arsenal	0-3
Н	Jan	11	Charlton Athletic	1-0
Α	Jan	21	lpswich Town	2-1
Н	Jan	25	West Ham	3-0
Н	Feb	1	Bristol Rovers	2-2
Н	Feb	13	Brighton	
A	Feb	11	Reading	
A	Feb	15	Swansea City	
A	Len	13	Swallsea City	

# Youth Team

# Brighton swept aside by youngsters

Brighton Youth 1 Luton Town 5

Sean Farrell bounced back to his most lethal scoring form with four goals as the Town youth team swept Brighton aside in this South East Counties League Division Two clash at Brighton on January 25th.

Farrell, who has been promoted to the reserves recently to give their goal punch a boost, led the youth team with great strength and was well supported by Paul Lewis who supplied the fifth of the Town's nap hand.

Team: Jones, James, Harvey, Kennedy, Berry, Johnson, Tuite, Lewis, Farrell, Tighe, Black. Subs: Scott and Poutch.



Sean Farrell





Paul Lewis

#### SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

				_				
		P	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
1	Southampton	20	15	3	2	70	28	33
2	Swindon Town	19	12	3	4	50	28	27
3	Bournemouth	19	10	4	5	44	35	24
4	Wimbledon	17	11	1	5	47	18	23
5	Luton Town	21	9	5	7	64	50	23
6		18	6	5	7	36	37	17
	Brentford	18	5	7	6	39	43	17
8	Oxford Utd	18	6	5	7	32	37	17
	Colchester	17	6	4	7	30	36	16
10	Reading	21	6	3	12	29	58	15
11	Crystal P	19	5	4	10	46	57	14
12	Brighton	20	6	2	12	20	39	14
13	Tottenham	20	5	3	12	34	53	13
14	Southend	17	4	3	10	18	40	11
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# **Introducing Arsenal**



Arsenal's contentious 2—1 victory over Luton a fortnight ago lifted them to seventh in the First Division, enabled them to leapfrog the Town in the process.

With 46 points from 26 games, the Londoners are still on the fringe of the title race—but out of the Milk Cup following a 2—1 home defeat by Aston Villa in a quarterfinal replay 11 days ago. "Our worst performance for a long time," said Don Howe

Since they came here in August, Arsenal have made some vital changes. Youngsters like Martin Keown, in defence, and Niall Quinn, in attack, have injected urgency and vitality. Wins over Liverpool, Man Utd and OPR were reeled off in succession.

In recent games, David Rocastle has joined them in midfield in place of the injured Stewart Robson, with veteran Paul Mariner replacing the injured Paul Davis.

Latest results—Spurs (H) 0—0; Grimsby (A) 4-3; Leicester (A) 2-2; Villa (A) 1-1; Rotherham (H) 5-1; Luton (H) 2-1; Villa (h)

Players likely to be on duty today:

John Lukic-John took over from Pat Jennings last seasonm and went on to make 30 appearances. Born Chesterfield, he joined from Leeds in 1983.

under-21 cap.

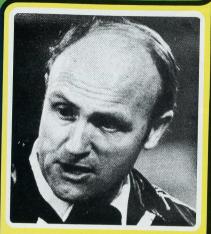
Viv Anderson—Joined Arsenal in 1984 after developing into an England full-back. Missed only one game last season and only two so far this term.

Kenny Sansom—One of the finest attacking left-backs in the First Division, Kenny is the Arsenal captain and a regular England player. Paul Mariner-Bolton-born Paul, now 32, has played midfield recently after a long career as centre-forward. Ex-Plymouth and Ipswich. he was England leader in the 1982 World Cup. David O'Leary-Arsenal's longest-serving player, stopper David is an Eire international and former Gunners' captain.

Martin Keown-Has ousted Caton in recent weeks from the number six shirt. Born Ox-



Back row, from left: John Lukic, Martin Hayes, Martin Keown, Chris Whyte, John Cartwright (First Team Coach), Don Howe (Manager), Roy Johnson (Physiotherapist), Tony Adams, Steve Williams, Tony Woodcock, Rhys Wilmot, Front row: Viv Anderson, David O'Leary, Colin Hill, Paul Davis, Tommy Caton, Paul Mariner, Graham Rix, Charlie Nicholas, Stewart Robson, Kenny Sansom, Ian Allinson.



Arsenal manager Don Howe is also chief assistant to England manager Bobby Robson. Wolverhampton-born, he played for West Bromwich Albion and Arsenal as right-back, winning 23 England caps. He took over as Arsenal manager in December 1983 after previously managing West Bromwich Albion and Galatasary in Turkey and working as Terry Neill's assistant at Highbury. A believer in the high work rate and competitive qualities of English soccer, he said at Highbury two weeks ago: "Our youth players are competitive first and foremost. The skill will come out later on. You get nothing unless you compete." His reshaped team has proved him true in recent

ford, only 19, but developing quickly. lan Allinson-Hitchin-born lan has developed into a useful finisher and regular member of the Gunners attack after moving to Highbury on a free transfer from Colchester in 1983. Stewart Robson-Versatile fromer England youth captain, a competitive midfielder on the verge of an international call-up, but hit by injuries in recent weeks. Now 21

David Rocastle—Promising midfielder with thrilling acceleration, David has shot to fame recently as Robson's deputy in midfield. Charlie Nicholas—Joined from Celtic in 1983 after scoring 52 goals in Scotland the previous season. His renaissance this season has seen him return to the Scotland team.

Niall Qinn-Tall (6ft 4ins) Eire youth striker Niall made a spectacular scoring debut against Liverpool and has since kept Tony Woodcock out of the team. Aged 19.

Graham Rix—Former England midfielder with educated left foot, Graham has recovered from Achilles tendon trouble and reclaimed his Arsenal place this season.

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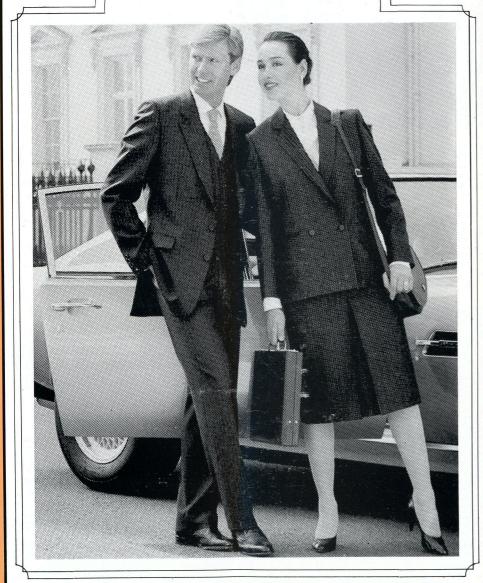


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## Why we are banning away fans

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There is also a minority of so called fans who equally have no respect for each other in that they will persistently seek to disrupt the enjoyment and pleasure derived by the vast majority from watching the most fun game yet devised. So much so that I am not prepared to allow Luton Town Football Club's future to be put in peril by hooligans visiting our home in the guise of away supporters. It is, therefore, with considerable regret after the recent experiences that no away supporters will be allowed into our Stadium next season.

This season we have experimented successfully with home fans only in the Main Stand except for the Cup tie against Bristol Rovers when once again 50 away supporters out of 600 seats allocated caused so much havoc before the game that 300 of our regular season ticket holders left the ground before kick-off. I apologise to the genuine Arsenal fan who has been unable to buy a seat in the Stand today but under no circumstances will I allow the regular supporter who is the life-blood of our Club to be harrassed in the manner which was experienced during most home games last year and in the previous Cup-tie.

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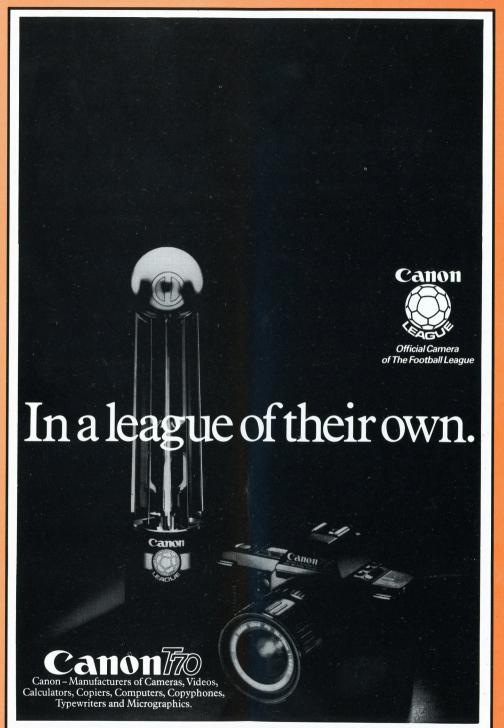
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#### VIEWS from the MEDIA

#### The petulance at Highbury

Our last meeting with Arsenal a fortnight ago produced a match full of incident and controversy. A penalty and a free-kick, both awarded in favour of the Londoners, were crucial to their 2—1 victory on a day when four Luton players were cautioned. Here is a selection of the press comment following that match:

Mail on Sunday: "A game which first offered us football to defy the foul weather degenerated in the last 20 minutes into a petulant, vicious squabble, full of malevolent tackling and squalid reprisals . . .

#### Ultimate chaos

"Arsenal, it must be said, were on the fortunate end of the important decisions. They emerged without a single booking, they received a contentious fifth minute penalty and they were generally held by referee Howard Taylor not to be responsible for the

ultimate chaos.'

Daily Telegraph: "Certainly, failure to keep their tempers during the last half hour prevented Luton from going home with at least a point from a game in which they had looked more skilful and inventive than dour, injury-weakened Arsenal."

The Guardian: "Indeed, another referee might have produced a different result. Arsenal were gifted an early penalty for a handling offence by Breacker which no-one except Howard Taylor spotted. The second and third goals followed free-kicks which could easily have been awarded to the other side or not at all."

The Times: "The second-half was so bitterly competitive that it verged on gang warfare. Newell, Harford, Donaghy and Foster, all of Luton, were booked and an equal number of Arsenal players could easily have joined them, but for an erratic referee."



Malcolm Macdonald made 88 League appearances for the Town in a Kenilworth Road career from 1969 to 1971 during which he scored 49 goals and became one of the best-known goalscorers in the game. He left for Newcastle in 1971 and later played for Arsenal and England.



# AllOur

#### TOWN SEEK FIRST CUP WIN **OVER ARSENAL**

For the third consecutive round, we meet today a side we have yet to beat in the FA Cup. Victories over Crystal Palace and Bristol Rovers ensured the records against them were ended and a hat-trick of such long-awaited wins is on the cards this afternoon.

The first Luton-Arsenal FA Cup tie took place on December 14, 1901, at Plumstead in what would be the equivalent of a third round match today. Luton had beaten Apsley Guise 13-1, Bradford Queens Engineers 4—2 and QPR 2—0, all at home, and Lowestoft and Watford, both 2—1 away, to go through.

Southern League Luton had a free-scoring attack at the time, but were given little chance against English League Woolwich Arsenal. It was to their great credit when they returned from London with a 1-1 draw, James Blessington hitting the all-important Town goal.

The replay was a disappointing game, however, and the Arsenal showed thier strength as they strolled to a 2-0 victory.

#### Chance for revenge

The Town had to wait another 20 years for a chance of revenge. It came on January 12, 1924, when, in our first venture in that season's competition, we travelled to Highbury, but lost 4-1 to the established stars of then First Division

George Butcher went close early on for the Town, but the gap of two divisions showed and it was left to John Green to salvage a consola-

In 1933-34. Third Division Luton were exempted from the tournament until the third round following their exploits in reaching the quarterfinals the previous year.

The pairing of Luton against Arsenal who were then at the height of their power created great

#### THE LUTON TOWN STORY



THE club's official history, published to mark the Centenary, is to be reprinted. The Luton Town Story 1885-1985 will be available again, in a second edition, by mid-March. It is hoped to be on sale before the winners of today's FA Cup fifth round tie kick-off their sixth round match on March 8th. The first edition, published last August, sold out in little more than three months.

Today's fixture against Arsenal will no doubt become a part of the rich modern episode of the club's history. All fixtures against the Gunners evoke nostalgia. Our first league meeting took place in the 1897-98 season when Arsenal were our second visitors during our first season in the Football League. That year they did the double. winning 2-0 at Luton and 3-0 in London.

#### Full of optimism

Today offers us an opportunity to complete our first FA Cup win over Arsenal after several previous attempts. But with a similar record of misfortune before us for each of the last two Cupties, the Town face the match full of optimism.

A victory would add another chapter to the official history which already contains a fullydocumented record of the club, reports of the great matches, sketches of the great players and staff and a fully-researched statistical section.

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John Ryan made 266 League appearances for Luton between 1969 and 1976 after starting his career as a professional at Arsenal. He was club captain and player of the year and a great favourite as an attacking right back. He left for Norwich. Seattle, Sheff Utd. and Man City.



Peter Nicholas joined the Town in the last week of January 1985 and made his debut against Spurs at Kenilworth Road. He began his career at Crystal Palace and joined Arsenal for £400,000 in 1981. He returned to Palace in 1983.



# Yesterdays

excitement in the town. But the was revealed that the admission charges were to be substantially increased. As a result, a well below capacity crowd of 18,641 watched Arsenal win 1-0 after Luton stalwart Charlie Fraser had retired injured.

Ten men against the best team in the country was no match, but Luton made their distinguished opponents fight hard for victory.

#### Lucky Arsenal

If the "Gunners" were lucky on that occasion, the next meeting at Kenilworth Road underlined their fortune and brought cries of "Lucky Old Arsenal" ringing round the ground.

In 1951-52, Luton had beaten First Division Charlton at home 1-0 in a hard-fought third round tie and disposed of Brentford after two replays in the fourth. Swindon were seen off 3-1 at home in the fifth round before a record 27.553 crowd.

Arsenal's sixth round visit broke the record again. A 28,433 crowd squeezed in, hoping, like all the previous red-shirted opposition. Arsenal would be beaten.

Until shortly before half-time all went well. Then Syd Owen was injured when fouled by Peter Goring. Bernard Moore had shot the Town in front after eight minutes, but Owen's injury turned the tide.

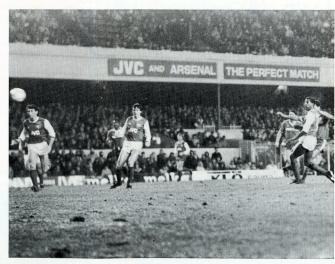
His marshalling of the Town sweet anticipation was turned to defence was considerably reducoutrage in some quarters when it ed on one leg. But the Luton team held out until the hour when Freddy Cox broke away to equalise. Eight minutes later, further bad luck hit Luton and Roy Davies was carried off with a fractured ankle.

> The injuries were all Arsenal needed. The writing was on the wall. With 17 minutes left, Cox broke away again to make it 2—1 to Arsenal and two minutes later Mitchell. But, amid hoots of deri-Arthur Milton put them 3-1 up. sion from the crowd. Arsenal

refused to wilt and pulled one win.

A summary of our Cup matches against Arsenal (Luton score first) Home Away 1901 0-2 (R) 1924 1934 1952 2-3 (R) denotes replay Club statistician: Roger Wash

goal back with a penalty by Bert Luton, down to nine men, hung on to secure a fortunate



Mike Newell fires in a shot at Highbury two weeks ago when the Town were beaten 2-1 in a fierce match.

# 1985-86 SEASON

#### Canon League Division One

1-													
		P	W	D	L	F	Α	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Everton	29	11	2	2	40	15	7	3	4	27	20	59
2	Manchester U.	28	9	3	2	23	6	8	2	4	26	17	56
3	Liverpool	29	11	4	0	36	11	4	5	5	21	20	54
4	emeloca	27	11	1	2	27	14	5	5	3	18	15	54
5	west main	26	9	2	1	28	10	6	4	4	14	14	51
6	Luton Town	29	8	5	1	26	8	5	3	7	20	24	47
7	Nottingham F.	29	8	2	5	28	20	6	2	6	24	22	46
8	Andendi	26	10	3	1	20	9	3	4	5	12	20	46
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	Newcastle	28	7	3	3	25	19	4	6	5	16	23	42
11	Manchester C.	30	7	5	3	21	16	4	3	8	15	22	41
	Watford	27	9	2	2	30	14	2	4	8	16	29	39
	Tottenham	28	7	1	6	29	18	3	4	7	10	17	35
	Southampton .	28	9	4	2	27	11	0	3	10	8	27	34
	QPR	28	8	2	4	20	11	2	1	11	10	31	33
	Coventry City .	29	3	3	8	20	24	5	4	6	16	24	31
	Leicester City .	28	4	7	3	25	22	2	1	10	10	27	27
	Oxford Utd	29	5	4	5	23	18	1	4	10	19	39	26
19	lpswich Town.	28	4	4	6	13	18	3	1	10	9	22	26
20	Aston Villa	28	2	6	6	15	18	3	4	7	16	25	25
21	Birmingham	28	4	1	10	9	17	2	2	9	6	21	21
22	West Brom	29	2	4	8	13	27	1	3	11	12	38	16
	League table as February 12th, 1986												

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Арр	Gls	App	Gls	App	Gls
T. Breacker26		3		2	
A. Dibble 7					
M. Donaghy29		3		2	
P. Elliott 3(3)					
S. Foster 23	2	3		2	
A. Grimes 2(1)		(1)			
M. Harford 25	15	2		2	1
R. Hill25	2	3	1	2	1
R. Johnson 4	1				
P. Nicholas 28		2		2	
E. Nwajiobi18	4	3	1		
G. Parker 4(4)		1			
D. Preece 28	2	3	2	2	1
B. Stein 29	14	3	2	2	1
M. Thomas 27	1	2		2	
M. Stein 1					
L. Sealey22		3		2	
M. North 7(3)	2	1	1	2	1
R. Daniel 1(2)	1	1			
A. King 2					
S. North 1					
M. Newell 4	2				
Own goal	1				1

<b>Luton Town</b>	FA	Att	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 17 Nottingham Forest	1-1	11,381		Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill*	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajiobi	Preece	Parker •
Aug 21 Newcastle United	2-2	21,304	-	Dibble	Thomas	Grimes	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajiobi1	Preece	North M.
Aug 24 West Ham United	1-0	14,104	8	Dibble	Johnson	Thomas	Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajiobi	Preece	North M.
Aug 27 Arsenal	2-2	10,012	10	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Parker	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajiobi1	Preece	Grimes
Aug 31 Aston Villa	1-3	10,524	12	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Johnson*	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajiobi	Preece	Parker •
Sept 7 Chelsea	1-1	10,720	15	Dibble	Johnson	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajiobi	Preece*	Elliott●
Sept 14 Everton	0-2	26,419	16	Dibble	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill*	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajiobi	Preece	Parker •
Sept 21 Queens Park Rangers	2-0	9,508	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster 1	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	Stein M.	Preece	Nwajiobi ●
Sept 24 Sheffield United (MC 2r 1l)	2-1	8,943	-	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajiobi1	Preece	Elliott
Sept 28 Sheffield Wednesday	2-3	17,887	15	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas*	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford2	Nwajiobi	Preece	Elliott●
Oct 1 Ipswich Town	1-0	8,553	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajiobi1	Preece	Parker
Oct 5 Manchester United	1-1	17,454	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	North M.*	Nwajiobi	Preece	Elliott●
Oct 8 Sheffield Utd (MC 2r 2l)	3-1	5,660	_	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill 1	Stein B.	North M.1	Nwajiobi	Preece 1	Elliott
Oct 12 Oxford United	1-1	10,626	14	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Nwajiobi	Preece	North M.
Oct 19 Southampton	7-0	8,876	13	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein B.3	Harford	Nwajiobi1	Preece 1*	Daniel 1 •
Oct 26 Liverpool	2-3	31,488	13	Sealey	Breacker	Johnson	Daniel	Foster1	Donaghy	HIII	Stein B.	Harford1	Nwajiobi	Preece*	Grimes •
Oct 29 Norwich City (MC 3rd)	0-2	8,202	-	Sealey	Breacker	Johnson*	Daniel	Foster	Dongahy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajiobi	Parker	Grimes •
Nov 2 Birmingham City	2-0	8,550	10	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford1	Nwajiobi	Preece	Grimes
Nov 9 Tottenham Hotspur	3—1	19,163	10	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein B.1	Harford1	Nwajiobi	Preece	Elliott
Nov 16 Coventry City Nov 23 Watford	0-1	9,607	11	Sealey	Breacker*		Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajiobi	Preece	Parker •
	2-1	16,107	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas 1 Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford	Nwajiobi	Preece	Daniel +
Nov 30 Manchester City	2-1	10,096	8	Sealey	Breacker		Nicholas	Elliott	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.2	Harford	Nwajiobi*	Preece	Daniel •
Dec 14 Nottingham Forest	2-0	10,319	7	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	King*	Preece	North M.1
Dec 14 Nottingham Forest Dec 21 West Ham United	0-2	12,078	8	Sealey	Breacker Breacker	Thomas Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Parker	Stein B.	Harford	King*	Preece	North M. ●
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Dec 26 West Bromwich Albion Dec 28 Ipswich Town	2-1	12,508	8	Sealey	Breacker Breacker	Thomas Thomas	Nicholas Nicholas	Foster North S.	Donaghy	Hill Hill	Stein B.	Harford 1 Harford	North M.1 North M.1	Preece Preece	Johnson
Jan 1 Leicester City	1—1 3—1	16,555 10,917	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy Donaghy	Hill	Stein B. Stein B.	Harford3	North M.	Preece	Johnson
Jan 4 Crystal Palace (FAC3)	2-1	9,886	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	North M.	Preece 1	King Johnson R.
Jan 11 Chelsea	0-1	21,102	8	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B. 1	Newell	North M.	Preece	Daniel
Jan 18 Aston Villa	2-0	10,217	7	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Newell 1	North M.	Grimes	King
Jan 25 Bristol R. (FAC4)	4-0	12,463	1	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill1	Stein B.	Harford1	North M.1	Preece	King +
Feb 1 Arsenal	1-2	22,326	7	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.	Harford1	Newell*	Preece	North ●
Feb 8 Southampton	2-1	13,740	6	Sealey	Breacker	Thomas	Nicholas	Foster	Donaghy	Hill	Stein B.1	Harford	Newell 1	Preece	Johnson R.
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# Vauxhall Teamcheck.

Luton Town	Arsenal
1 Les Sealey	1 John Lukic
2 Tim Breacker	2 Viv Anderson
3 Mitchell Thomas	3 Kenny Sansom
4 Peter Nicholas	4 Paul Mariner
5 Steve Foster	5 David O'Leary
6 Mal Donaghy	6 Stewart Robson
7 Ricky Hill	7 Ian Allinson
8 Brian Stein	8 David Rocastle
9 Mick Harford	9 Charlie Nicholas
10 Marc North	10 Niall Quinn
11 David Preece	11 Graham Rix
Sub	Sub
Referee: A. GUNN (Burgess Hill) Linesmen: J	. F. PARDOE (Red Flag) P. K. HELSBY (Yellow Flag)



5 forwards in the box? No wonder it beats the opposition.

The 126 mph Astra GTE.

